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SUBJ: BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S OCTOBER 1-3 VISIT TO BUCHAREST

1. AT OCTOBER 21 NATO POLADS' MEETING, BELGIAN REP (BOUCKAERT) REPORTED THAT DURING BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE'S OCTOBER 1-3 VISIT TO BUCHAREST, CSCE, THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND DISARMAMENT WERE DISCUSSED. THE BELGIANS FOUND MOST OF WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU HAD TO SAY ON THESE SUBJECTS FOLLOWED STANDARD ROMANIAN POSITIONS.

2. VAN ELSLANDE REPORTEDLY MENTIONED TO HIS ROMANIAN COUNTER-PART A BELGIAN SUGGESTION MADE AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER WHICH THE UNSECRETARIAT WOULD MAINTAIN A LIST OF THOSE COUNTRIES PREPARED TO ACCEPT VISITS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. MACOVESCU RESPONDED IN NON-COMMITTAL FASHION AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD EXAMINE THE BELGIAN PROPOSAL.

3. IN DISCUSSION OF CSCE BASKET III ISSUES, ROMANIAN FONMIN REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION
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AND SOVEREIGNTY MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN IMPLEMENTATION. HE REPORTEDLY REJECTED "PRESSURE" AND "INTERVENTION" BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS. BELGIANS GAVE THE ROMANIANS A LIST OF NAMES FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS AND MARRIAGE REQUESTS. BRUCE

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